

## First Day 2024 Riddle Hunt

In Meadows green and forests deep,  
A Secret treasure, nature's keep.  
Leaves may crunch beneath your feet,  
As you seek what's pure and sweet.

Buzzing bees, and petals fair,  
Look around, it's hidden there.  
Underneath a canopy of green,  
A tiny letter, serene and unseen.

Answer the riddles,  
Your clues may surprise.  
Un jumble the letters,  
And win the prize

This is what the letters  
will look like, on bright  
green paper.

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These letters are for the Riddle Hunt only! Please leave them in your trail. Thank you!

Just kidding no prize, but a wonderful day in the park. Each clue leads you to a location. At each location you will find a brightly colored green page with letters, as in the picture above. Solve all the riddles, go to the locations, and write down all the letters in the box next to each riddle. Then rearrange all the letters in the right order and solve the puzzle. You may go in any order you like, but they are designed so that you are not criss crossing the park. But if you want to criss cross the park, enjoy! **SPOILER ALERT** There are clues on the back page.

I stand tall, a sentinel in the sky,  
A metal mast that holds heads high.  
Wrapped in colors, that proudly wave,  
Symbolic messages, I bravely save.



I am painted brown, a rustic charm  
Amid the fields, a rural arm  
Haylofts are gone, and doors that swing  
A shelter for programs, where echoes sing!



A symphony of blossoms, a fragrant maze  
I attract helpers in a pollinators daze.  
With nectar-rich treats, I allure the winged.  
Guess my location, where pollination's king



Mudpies molded, in a kitchen of earth,  
Beneath the canopy, where dreams take birth.  
Logs to balance, and trees to climb,  
A haven for kids, where joys align.



In Meadows green, where waters flow,  
A cool retreat, a secret to know.  
Stone walls guard a liquid prize,  
I am nature's fridge, where coolness lies.



Marked by blazes in both red, and grey,  
I guide you through both night and day.  
Upward slopes, and downward glides,  
Adventure beckons where these trails collide.  
Beware there are two spots where red and grey meet,  
You may need to check both then look near your feet.



I am a refuge for lunch in the great outdoors.  
A haven for picnickers away from downpours.  
With a roof overhead and tables to share.  
I stand tall and sturdy a shelter with care.



*Hike up Mountain View Trail from this clue to the next.*

A place for sandwiches, and lemonade,  
Under my shade, memories are made.  
Without me, picnics might be unstable,  
Guess what I am, this outdoor table?



*Hint, it's not in the picnic shelter.*

In heights I wind, with views so grand.  
A trail that climbs beside meadow land.  
Beneath the sky, where small birds soar,  
I unveil Mountain Views you'll adore.



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Clue #1



Clue #4



Clue #7



Clue #2



Clue #5



Clue #8



Clue #3



Clue #6



Clue #9



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